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VIA ECF

Hon. Katherine Polk Failla
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 2103
New York, NY 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

RE: Huzhou Chuangtai Rongyuan Investment Management Partnership et al v. Qin;
No. 1:21-cv-09221-KPF
Request of Third-Party Duo “Emma” Liu to Seal Documents

Dear Judge Failla:

Pursuant to Section 9(c)(ii) of Your Honor’s Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases and the parties’ Stipulated Protective Order dated January 3, 2023, Dkt. No. 92 (the “Confidentiality Order”), which also covers discovery of third-parties, third-party “Emma” Duo Liu (“Ms. Liu”) writes to respectfully request that the Court permit the sealing of her Response in Opposition to Petitioners’ January 12, 2024 Letter requesting a conference for a Motion to Compel with exhibits A – E (filed contemporaneously herewith) and the Reply Declaration of Stephen P. Younger, Esq. (“Younger Reply Decl.”) with exhibit (filed contemporaneously herewith) filed in support thereof.

A party seeking to file a document under seal needs to address the presumption in favor of public access to judicial documents. *See, e.g., Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 119-20 (2d Cir. 2006). And any redaction or sealing of a court filing needs to be narrowly tailored to serve whatever purpose justifies the redaction or sealing and must be otherwise consistent with the presumption in favor of public access to judicial documents. *Id.*

The Court must balance this common law presumption of access against competing interests, including “the privacy interests of those resisting disclosure.” *Lugosch*, 435 F.3d at 120 (quoting *United States v. Amodeo*, 71 F.3d 1044, 1050 (2d Cir. 1995)). Thus, the issue is whether “the privacy interests of the [moving party] outweigh the presumption of public access.” *GoSMiLE*, 769 F. Supp. 2d at 649-50.

Given the nature of this matter (a private matter to collect a judgment from Respondent Qin) and the fact that Ms. Liu is not a judgment-debtor in this action, but merely a third-party whose private affairs are being dragged into this dispute and given the ongoing criminal investigation about which the Court has been informed, we submit that there is a more than

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sufficient basis to seal Ms. Liu's Reply Memorandum of Law in Support of her Motion for Argument or Reconsideration and the Reply Declaration of Stephen P. Younger, Esq. ("Younger Reply Decl.") in support thereof. These documents contain confidential information of the kind that is deserving of protection and restricting public access, and therefore third-party Ms. Liu respectfully requests that the Court grant this request. We note that for presumably similar reasons, various other docket entries in this case have been sealed.

In the event that the Court were to deny this request, Ms. Liu requests a Court conference at the Court's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen P. Younger

To: All parties of record via ECF

Application GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to maintain docket entries 361 and 362 under seal, viewable to the Court and parties only.

The Clerk of Court is further directed to terminate the pending motion at docket entry 360.

Dated: January 24, 2024
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE